

Application No. 10/626,101
Amendment Dated: September 20, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 14 and 16 have been amended. Claims 4, 7, and 20 have been canceled. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-14 and 16-19 remain pending for consideration.

Claims 7, 8 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the features of claim 7 including intervening claim 4, except that the feature of a "neck" has not been included and is also clearly not required for allowability. Claims 4 and 7 have accordingly been canceled. Claim 5 has been amended to recite dependency on amended claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to recite dependency on amended claim 1.

Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, and 19 which depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 1 are allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 12 to include the features of claim 7 except that "neck" has not been included.

Claim 15 has been canceled.

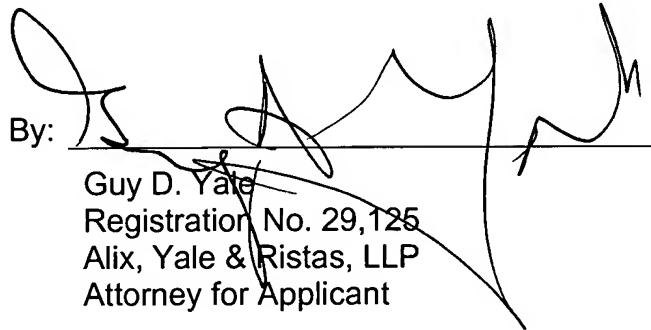
Claim 14 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the recited colored ring. Claim 16 has been amended to recite dependency on amended claim 14. Accordingly, claim 12 and dependent claims 13, 14 and 16-18 which depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 12 are allowable.

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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in the application as amended are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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